

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING OF APPLICATION WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR A GRANT UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1945, AS AMENDED, TITLE III, SECTION 302.

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, Title III, Section 302, the United States of America has authorized the making of grants to public bodies to aid in financing planning programs related to economic development:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1. That Robert J. Ryan, Director, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Boston Redevelopment Authority with the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, for a grant to aid in supporting economic development planning activities related to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy planning process.
2. That the above named authorized representative is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, may reasonably request in connection with the application which is herein authorized to be filed, and further is authorized to accept any offer of grant which may be tendered by the Economic Development Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce.

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Summary

To a large extent, the program proposed for 302(a) funding for FY 1980 represents a continuation of activities begun during this current grant year. The proposed program consists of three major categories of tasks: (1) Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy -- tasks related to the updating of Boston's CEDS and coordination with CEDS committee; (2) Program Development -- tasks related to development, analysis and refinement of specific economic development programs; and (3) Future Policy Formulation -- tasks centering on development of future strategies, growth programs and implementation alternatives.

The completion of Boston's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in the fall of 1978 provided a sound basis for beginning a more closely coordinated economic development program for the City. The Strategy has proven useful not only as a reference document, but as a concise statement of goals and specific program opportunities which have been helpful in economic development decision making. Nevertheless, the CEDS Program requires further review and discussion with the CEDS Committee and updating in order to reflect achievements reached during the past year and new opportunities which are emerging for the future.

Additional tasks are essential to continue various aspects of Program Development. Continued identification of resources, tools and mechanisms as related to further analysis of economic impact and continued program refinement are tasks included in the FY 1980 program.

Finally, a new series of tasks will be launched during the coming year expanding and supplementing the ongoing tasks related to CEDS and Program Development activities. These new tasks will be focused on the development of papers outlining new development strategies for Boston. The papers will have immediate as well as long-term future implications and will examine the Boston of today and opportunities for Boston of the future. This effort will be carried out in conjunction with Boston's 1980 12-month long celebration of Jubilee 350, the 350th birthday of the City, and specifically in relation to the month-long focus in late summer of 1980 of Great Cities of the World.

Together, these three categories of tasks form the basis for the FY 1980 302(a) program. The program will be directed and coordinated by the applicant agency, the Boston Redevelopment Authority, in close cooperation with participating staff from the Mayor's Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, and the Mayor's Office of Federal Relations.

MEMORANDUM

JULY 19, 1979

TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: Robert J. Ryan, Director

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO FILE GRANT APPLICATION TO EDA

SUMMARY: Request authorization to file an application to the Economic Development Administration for a planning grant in the amount of \$150,000. Funds will be expended to support the Authority's staff participating in the City's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) program.

In its capacity as the City's Planning Agency, the Authority has been charged with major responsibility in preparing and updating the City's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) program. This program has been submitted to the Economic Development Administration and will serve as the basis for funding commitments to the City.

This grant represents the second year funding request from EDA for FY 1980.

In support of these planning and development efforts, EDA has invited the submission of an application for a planning grant in the amount of \$150,000. This grant will be matched by \$55,000 provided in staff services from the Planning Account Budget.

In order to pursue this planning grant, I request approval of the following Resolution.

